

**Board of Supervisors
County of San Bernardino**

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David Harlow, Director
Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan
California Energy Commission
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Docket No. 09-RENEW EO-01
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Dear Mr. Harlow:

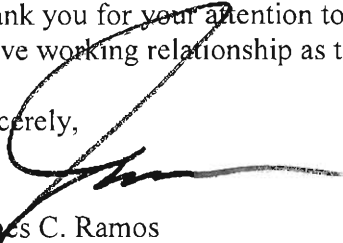
We want to take this opportunity to thank you and your team for presenting the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) to the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors (Board). The Board found Mr. Beale's presentation highly informative and the discussion that ensued between the Board, DRECP staff and the public incredibly productive.

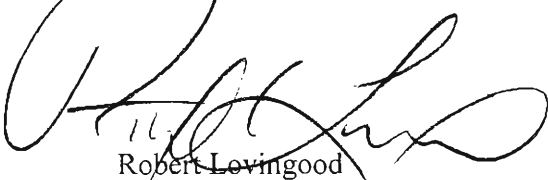
Renewable energy is a generational issue. How we plan for it today will have consequences to future California generations for the next 50 years and longer. As you know, San Bernardino County comprises over fifty percent of the 22.5 million acres in the DRECP Plan Area and thus represents one of the most impacted communities by this planning process.

One of the resounding messages conveyed in our public study session last week was the need for civic input. We heard that many of the development focus areas included within the DRECP alternative maps surround rural residential areas in our High Desert. We also heard that these communities have not been a part of the planning process. This is very concerning. In order to assure that your team is receiving the best public input for this critical planning document and in order to best protect the residents of San Bernardino County, we ask that you host public community meetings this summer in Lucerne Valley, the Morongo Basin and the greater Barstow area. We are eager to lead these meetings with you in our desert districts so that all stakeholders, including residents and tribal governments who will be impacted the most, have an opportunity to be heard.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. We look forward to increased civic input and an active working relationship as this process moves forward.

Sincerely,


James C. Ramos
San Bernardino County Supervisor


Robert Lovingood
San Bernardino County Supervisor

cc: The Honorable U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Jewell
The Honorable U.S. Senator Feinstein
The Honorable U.S. Senator Boxer
The Honorable Governor Brown